

John King's contributions to the quality of life in San Francisco are too numerous to list. Mr. King has worked tirelessly as an advocate for San Francisco's seniors, to ensure that they have access to affordable housing and services. The John W. King Senior Community is the latest addition to John's lifelong work. This innovative project will provide 91 one-bedroom apartments to serve low-income seniors in the City's Visitacion Valley. It will provide easy access to on-site support services, a transportation center and a nutrition center. The project also includes a child-care center, which helps to meet community needs and will provide opportunities for the senior residents to develop relationships with the youngest generation.

We can all be proud of the role of the federal government, particularly the Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as the role of the City of San Francisco, and Catholic Healthcare West, in helping to finance the John W. King Senior Community, which is a joint project of the John W. King Senior Center, Mercy Charities Housing California, and Housing Conservation & Development Corporation.

We can be particularly proud of John King, whose vision, strength, determination and hard work are examples for us all. Happy Birthday, Mr. King. May you continue your good works for the next eighty years.

#### TRIBUTE TO EARLINE MCCLAIN

#### HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 1999

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, Earline McClain, one of my constituents who has had a very distinguished career in education, has written a poem that I hope will be read by a great many people. It expresses some very important ideas about our Nation and how each of us has a responsibility to treat each other with respect and humility.

I have enclosed a copy of the poem, entitled "Think," and would like to call it to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

#### THINK

Take a look at yourself. What's made you so bereft Of human concern? Why have you not learned That all people have worth and no one on this earth Has the right to heap scorn on any person ever born!

Label them as you may; call them black, trash, foreign, migrant or gay You have no right to say they are inferior, to feel superior; You are human, and so are they!

What's a migrant worker? Surely not a shirker But strangers in this land, doing all that they can To eke out a living. Others should be giving All that they can afford. Things are not ours to hoard!

Never should one deny others the chance to try To better their condition. When you are in a position to offer a helping hand, When you're called American, you must fully understand What makes up this "free" land. America's a melt-

ing pot And if you heat it up too hot, so anyone is scorched or burned, A painful lesson you'll learn, all people are God's concern!

When you don't give, but hoard, think of one born in a manger When your neighbor's ox is gored, your ass is in danger! You are your brothers' keeper and involved with him much deeper Than you may want to be. When another's plight you see,

Think: But for God's grace, that's me or His Grace may yet let me be, For He controls our destiny and how I treat others, He may treat me.

#### KENTUCKY SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

#### HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 1999

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the efforts of the 4,279 women of the Kentucky Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Kentucky organization was founded 104 years ago to serve as an instrument of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and to further the DAR's dedication to the promotion of education among our nation's citizens, preservation of our historical treasures, and encouragement and recognition of patriotic endeavors among citizens of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, the State Board of Management of the Kentucky Society will meet in my hometown of Hopkinsville, Kentucky on Saturday September 18, 1999. This meeting will honor in remembrance the life and the Bicentennial of the death of our nation's Founding Father and First President, George Washington.

The Kentucky Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution provides innumerable patriotic services, including but not limited to caring for our veterans; providing citizenship manuals to prospective U.S. citizens; the creation of a DAR-supported school in Hindman, Kentucky to teach Dyslexic students to read and write; and the recognition of students in our Commonwealth's schools who have demonstrated good citizenship and service to country.

Mr. Speaker, Constitution Week, September 13-17 marks the Two Hundred Twelfth Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Kentucky Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution promote vigilance among all U.S. citizens to understand and protect the freedoms guaranteed to them by the Constitution. They deserve our respect and our gratitude for their efforts and I offer this statement in recognition of their superb and continuing patriotism.

#### BIPARTISAN CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM ACT OF 1999

SPEECH OF

#### HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 1999

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 417) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, and for other purposes:

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Chairman, during the 1996 election cycle a Virginia-based organization called Triad Management spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in my home state of Kansas, as well as in Oklahoma and Louisiana, among other states. The money was spent on sham issue ads of dubious accuracy. I am including in the RECORD with my statement a copy of a New York Times article that recounts Triad's activities in this regard.

Rigorous debate is part of democracy in America, and free speech is a right and freedom that all of us cherish. When you and I stand up to exercise that right, not only to conduct the business of the people but also to run in partisan elections, we show our face. But there are those who enter the public debate anonymously, however, backed by funds, the source of which is unknown.

Mr. Chairman, this type of activity has two effects on American voters. The first is to cause outrage—and rightly so. After all, how can one expect justice and fair play from a system that has the appearance of being up for sale?

The second is apathy. Sadly, we know this to be true based upon recent voter turnout statistics. Average voters feel like they can't make a difference in our system of big bucks and anonymous contributions, and their response is to refuse to participate.

Mr. Chairman, you and I have both seen this outrage and apathy. Isn't it time we do something about it?

Triad is one of the many examples of this abuse of the system; abuses enactment of Shays-Meehan will end. By passing this bill, no one is telling the anonymous donors to Triad that they can't be a part of the public debate. Instead, it simply requires them to reveal themselves to the public and show their face, just like everyone else has to do.

Mr. Chairman, passing H.R. 417 is the one step Congress can take that will most contribute to restoring the public's loss of confidence in our political process. People have an absolute right to know who is trying to influence their vote and the vote of their elected representatives.

I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 417 immediately so we can shine the light of day on this problem.

[From the New York Times]

A BACK DOOR FOR THE CONSERVATIVE DONOR CONSULTANT USED PAC'S AND NONPROFITS TO OFFER MAXIMUM IMPACT

(By Leslie Wayne)

WASHINGTON, May 21—When Floyd Coates, an Indiana businessman and one-time candidate for Congress, decided to make some